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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Virgilio MIRIELLO, Vittorio MASCOLO
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SHARED PROTECTION IN AN
OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORK RING BASED ON THE ODU
MANAGEMENT
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q76763



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 11 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and a Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>7</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE	\$750.00
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TOTAL FEE	<u>\$790.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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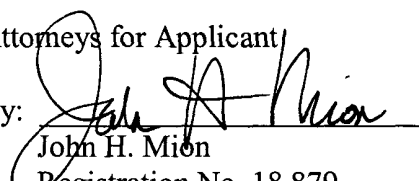
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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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